

Science Hill High School Band

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Dear Topper Band Members,

Welcome to the 2009 edition of the 'Topper Marching Band. We have a wonderful show in store for our fans this fall... *of Glory and Hope* is the title and employs American music to describe America's struggles and triumphs in our country's history. The music should be extremely enjoyable to listen to and perform. Music rehearsals begin on Thursday evening, July 9th for the brass and woodwinds from 6-8 pm in the SHHS bandroom and continue on the 16th, and 23rd of July. These rehearsals are important so that you can learn and memorize the music, work sound production, and help our new members learn how to play their best. Percussion and color guard are also rehearsing during the summer months (see schedules below).

This letter contains most of the information you will need for band camp. Copies of our band handbook will be available for anyone on our website when posted. Please read over the following items:

- Band Camp Schedule
- Expectations for camp
- Fall Marching Band schedule: All rehearsals / performances
- School field trip release form (allows us to medically treat; required by school)
- T-shirt order form (*pre-order shirts for family members will only be taken at band camp registration – Sunday, July 26, 1-6 pm*)

The band office will be closed from June 15 – July 10th this year. However, you can contact any of us through our e-mail addresses below and we will respond to you in a timely fashion. If you have any conflicts with camp that may jeopardize your participation please contact us ASAP.

Here's to a great fall,

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Band Camp Dates:

June 22-23 – Percussion Mini-Camp, 9-5pm

July 9 – Wind Music Rehearsal, 6-8 pm – bandroom (for all of those that are in town)

July 16 - Wind Music Rehearsal, 6-8 pm – bandroom (for all of those that are in town)

July 23 - Wind Music Rehearsal, 6-8 pm – bandroom (for all of those that are in town)

July 20-24 – Rising 9th grade camp – 9 am – 12 pm

Percussion camp – 9-5 pm

Guard Camp – 8-5 pm

July 26 (Sunday) – Band Camp Registration, 1 pm – 6 pm, Bandroom

July 27-31 – Full Band Camp, 8 am – 9 pm daily

July 31 – Camp performance, Booster meeting, & cookout.

August 6 – First day of school, rehearsal until 4 pm

Leadership Meeting

Thursday, July 23, 1-4 pm – Seniors, Officers, and Drum Major leadership meeting in bandroom.

Band Camp Registration

July 26 (Sunday), 1-6 pm, Bandroom

Students will drop-in for registration in the bandroom. During this time students will take care of any paperwork including:

balance of camp fee (\$50/\$100)

pick up band t-shirt (free for students)

order parent t-shirts (form attached)

turn in completed release form

pay instrument rental fee (\$50)

receive band locker

order accessories (see prices below)

purchase lyre/flip folders (if needed)

Prices for accessories:

Shoes - \$32.00

Gloves - \$2.50 (will need a white and black pair)

Poncho - \$6.00

Garment Bag - \$14.00 (optional)

Roll Bag - \$11.00 (optional)

Sport Bag - \$24.00 (optional)

July 27-31 – Full Band Camp, 8 am – 9 pm daily

Daily Schedule:

8 am – depart from bandroom in marching block to practice field – fundamentals and drill in the morning

12 pm – march back to bandroom for lunch (you must provide your own lunch, **you cannot leave campus**)

1 pm -3 pm - Music Sectionals

3:30 pm – 5 pm - Full band rehearsal

5 pm – Dinner in 10/12 cafeteria, provided by SHHS Band Boosters **you cannot leave campus**

6 pm -9 pm - Evening marching rehearsals at practice field

Friday, July 31 – Parent Night, 6 pm. The band will have their regular rehearsal while the Band Boosters will host their first meeting of the year in the 10/12 cafeteria. Immediately following the meeting everyone will adjourn to the practice field for the end of camp performance and hotdog feast (bring your lounge chair!). The band will perform the in their new show shirts and pre-ordered shirts will be available for parents to pickup at the dinner.

On the First day of school (Thursday, August 6th), we will have an extended rehearsal **until 4 PM**. The first day is only a half day, but we will rehearse after school dismisses. Do not make any plans or appointments after school on this day. We will learn the pre-game drill for the season during this rehearsal.

Camp Expectations:

All students are required to attend camp the entire day. Please do not schedule appointments during band camp or on regular rehearsal days (Mondays-Tuesdays-Thursdays) during the school year. There are no after school rehearsals on Wednesdays; they are open each week for appointments.

Adequate sleep and food are vital for the student to feel healthy in the heat of the day. Breakfast is a must with lots of carbohydrates. A lunch that includes a non-carbonated drink and plenty of protein and carbohydrates gives the body fuel to burn. A balanced dinner will help the body to recover for the next day.

Things you need for camp:

hat

sunscreen (you will get sunburned without)

flip folder and lyre

pencil

three ringed binder that will hold your show music, coordinate sheet, and drill book

athletics shoes with socks (no flip flops, crocks, boots, etc.)

personal water jug

eat a good breakfast

lunch (please no carbonated drinks)

Guidelines for camp:

Be on time each morning; laps will be assigned at break for tardies

No visitors during the day

You cannot leave campus or hang out in the parking lot

Respect others including the staff and your fellow students

Have your instrument in good playing condition

Follow directions the first time

The SHHS student handbook will be followed for all band activities.

2009 Marching Band Dates:

August 21 – Football, Home

August 28 – Football, Home

September 4 – Football, Away

September 11 – Football, Away

September 18 – Football, Away

October 2 – Football, (Homecoming)

October 3 – Marching Contest, All Day
(Tennessee High)

October 9 – Football, Home

October 10 – Marching Contest, All Day
(Western Carolina)

October 16 – Football, Away

October 23 – Football, Home (Sr. Night)

October 24 – Marching Contest, All Day
(Nashville)

October 30 – Football, Away

November 6 – State Playoffs, TBA

November 21 – Johnson City Christmas Parade

Call time for each football game is 5:30 pm unless otherwise noted.

Weekly Rehearsal Schedule:

Mondays – 1pm - 3:30 pm

Tuesdays – 1 pm - 3:30 pm

Wednesdays – 1 pm – 2:40 pm

Thursdays – 1 pm – 4:00 pm

Fridays – 1 pm – 2:40 pm

Students will march back to the bandroom at the end of each practice and can be picked-up at the SHHS 10/12 bandroom (3:45ish M/T, and 4:15ish on Thursdays).

2009 Band T-Shirt Order Form

Band members will wear these under our band uniforms for all home games and performances.
Students will have one supplied as part of their band camp fee.

Band t-shirt orders for parents will be taken during Band Camp Registration: Sunday, July 26, 1-6 pm in the bandroom. Please complete the form below and bring (or send with student) to registration. Shirts will be available on July 31st during the end of camp performance and cookout.

Parent name _____ Phone number _____

T-shirt sizes: (Adult) S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

Cost: \$8.00 each S-XL, \$10.00 each XX and XXXL

#of shirts

sizes

Total amount

Checks should be made payable to SHHS Band.